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Memorandum

DATE: 03/28/2007

TO: 2007 Men's & Women's Softball Managers

FROM: Tina Garza, League Director-Recreation Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Start of the 1st Half and Game Schedules**

The Adult Men's & Women's Softball program will begin the week of April 2nd. Listed below are information items that were discussed at the Manager's meeting and I would like to re-emphasize. Please review with your team.

1. Matching tops are NOT required.
2. **HOME RUNS & FOUL BALLS: 4 Home Run Rule Maximum** – Each team is allowed four (4) home runs per game. The home runs may be hit at any time during the individual team's allotted game time. At the fifth home run and there after the batter will be declared out for excessive home runs. Any time the batter is ruled out because for the excessive home run rule, the ball is dead and no runners can advance. The offensive team will be responsible in retrieving and returning any foul ball or homerun within two minutes once the ball has been thrown or hit. If the offensive team does not return the ball before the allotted TWO MINUTES, the offensive team's next batter will be called out.
3. **PITCHER SAFETY ZONE:** The pitcher safety zone box is a 5 foot box that extends 5 feet behind the pitchers mound. One foot must be in the box at all times when pitching the ball. If a ball is hit directly at the pitcher and pitcher is standing in the safety box the batter will be called out; this call will be the umpire's discretion.
4. **NOTIFICATION OF FORFEITS:** If a team notifies the League Director and states that their team will be unable to fill a team for their upcoming game, a forfeit form must be filled out and submitted to the Recreation Office. The game will not be considered a forfeit until the form has been submitted. Once the form is submitted, the opposing manager will be notified of the forfeit. The score will be declared 7-0.
5. **REMINDER** – Please inform your team if any games get cancelled due to rain or other circumstances; the make up day for these games will be on Friday of the following week. The rotational game is scheduled for Tuesday's.
6. **SMOKING:** Education Code #48901 California Law states that no school or park shall permit smoking, the use of tobacco, or the use of any products containing tobacco or nicotine on or around park and school grounds. Participants will be subject to immediate removal from park or school grounds and suspension from league. Spectators will be subject to immediate removal from park or school grounds.
7. **ALCOHOL:** City Ordinance #15-01-B6 prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on park and school grounds. Violators will be subject to a \$150 fine. Participants will be subject to immediate removal from park or school grounds, a fine and immediate suspension from league. Spectators will be subject to a fine and immediate removal from park and school grounds.
8. **ASA BAT BAN** – Any bat on the ASA bat ban list is not allowed for use in the Hollister Recreation Softball League. Please notify your players of the ASA Bat Ban, attached is a list of all the bats banned by ASA. Visit the ASA website at www.asasoftball.com/certified_equipment.asp for a list of LEGAL BATS by manufacturer.

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9. **PLAYER ADD FORM:** Manager wishing to sign-up new team members once their team has been placed in a division, will require the approval of the League Director. The player must fill out a "*Player Add Form*" and the form must be filled out with the players & manager's signature before the new player is allowed to participate in a game. **The players add form must be submitted to the Recreation office a minimum of 48 hours prior to the teams scheduled game. Absolutely, no players add forms will be accepted at the field.** After the 4th game per half, managers are not allowed to add any new team members to their team.
10. For the safety of the players and children, children are not allowed to be on the playing field or in the dugout as observers or bat boys/girls. **The only people allowed in the dugout are the players and managers whose names are on the team roster.**

If there are any mistakes on the game schedule, please call our office so we can make appropriate changes. Visit our web site at www.hollister.ca.gov/RecreationDepartment/AdultSports for softball schedules, scores, standings, and weather link. If I can answer any questions or address any concerns please call 636-4390 or e-mail tina.garza@hollister.ca.gov.

Lets Play Ball!

Enclosure: Game Schedules, ASA Team Rule Book, ASA Scorebook, (8) Line up cards

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